

MINUTES

Finance and Governance Committee

Tuesday, 11 June 2024

6:00 PM

Waratah Room

Georges River Civic Centre

Hurstville



PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Councillor Elmir, Councillor Christina Jamieson (Chairperson), Councillor Elise Borg, Councillor Veronica Ficarra (online), Councillor Nick Katris and Councillor Colleen Symington.

COUNCIL STAFF

Director Business and Corporate Services - Danielle Parker, Acting Chief Finance Officer – Scott Henwood, Head of Strategic Property - Bernard Morabito, Senior Property Officer – Kristen O’Grady, Chief Audit Executive Steven Baker, Executive Services Officer – Nickie Paras, Acting Executive Assistant - Barb Presti, (Minutes) Technology Business Support Officer - Earl Santos

OPENING

The Chairperson, Councillor Cr Jamieson, opened the meeting at 6.02.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson, Councillor Cr Jamieson acknowledged the Bidjigal people of the Eora Nation, who are the Traditional Custodians of all lands, waters and sky in the Georges River area. I pay my respect to Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who live, work and meet on these lands.

REQUEST TO ATTEND VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK

MOTION: Councillor Symington, Councillor Katris

That approval be granted for Councillor Ficarra to attend the meeting via Audio Visual Link.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Katris, Councillor Symington

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MOTION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Jamieson

That an apology be accepted for Councillor Mahoney and a leave of absence granted.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Katris, Councillor Symington

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

The Chairperson, Councillor Councillor Jamieson advised staff and the public that the meeting is being recorded for minute-taking purposes and is also webcast live on Council’s website, in accordance with section 5 of Council’s Code of Meeting Practice. This recording will be made available on Council’s Website.

CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

Council's Code of Meeting Practice prohibits the electronic recording of meetings without the express permission of Council.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest made.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no registered speakers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

FIN021-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting held on 13 May 2024
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RECOMMENDATION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Symington

That the Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting held on 13 May 2024, be confirmed.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Katris, Councillor Symington

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROCEDURAL MOTION

ORDER OF BUSINESS

MOTION: Councillor Katris, Councillor Symington

That in accordance with Clause 8.5 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Council alter the Order of Business of this meeting to allow for the following item to be considered in the Confidential Closed Session of the Agenda:

FIN022-24 Property Matter - Proposed Reclassification and Sale of Part Moore Park, Beverley Park

THAT in accordance with the provisions of Part 1 of Chapter 4 of the Local Government Act 1993, the matters dealt with in this report be considered in closed Council Meeting at which the press and public are excluded. In accordance with Section 10A(2) (c) it is considered the matter information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Katris, Councillor Symington

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

FIN023-24 Internal Audit Plan 2024-2028
(Report by Chief Audit Executive)

RECOMMENDATION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Symington

That the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee endorsed Internal Audit Plan 2024-2028 be received, noted and endorsed by the Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Katris, Councillor Symington

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

FIN024-24 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee - Minutes of Meeting held on 28 February 2024 (Confirmed) and 23 May 2024 (Unconfirmed)
(Report by Chief Audit Executive)

RECOMMENDATION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Katris

(a) That the confirmed Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 28 February 2024 be received and noted by Council.

(b) That the unconfirmed Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 23 May 2024 be received and noted by Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Katris, Councillor Symington

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

FIN025-24 Investment Report as at 30 April 2024
(Report by Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

RECOMMENDATION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Symington

That the Investment Report as at 30 April 2024 be received and noted by Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Katris, Councillor Symington

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

PROCEDURAL MOTION
MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Katris

At this stage of the meeting being 6.11pm the Chair, Councillor Jamieson advised that the meeting would move into Closed Session to allow consideration of matters in Closed Session in accordance with Section 10A of The Local Government Act 1993. Accordingly, members of the press and public are excluded from the closed session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the closed session will be withheld.

This action was taken to allow discussion of the following item(s):

FIN021A-24 Property Matter - 6 Dora Street, Hurstville

(Report by Senior Property Officer)

THAT in accordance with the provisions of Part 1 of Chapter 4 of the Local Government Act 1993, the matters dealt with in this report be considered in closed Council Meeting at which the press and public are excluded. In accordance with Section 10A(2) (c) it is considered the matter information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

THAT in accordance with Section 10D it is considered that if the matter were discussed in an open Council Meeting, it would on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

FIN022-24 Property Matter - Proposed Reclassification and Sale of Part Moore Park, Beverley Park

(Report by Senior Property Officer)

THAT in accordance with the provisions of Part 1 of Chapter 4 of the Local Government Act 1993, the matters dealt with in this report be considered in closed Council Meeting at which the press and public are excluded. In accordance with Section 10A(2) (c) it is considered the matter information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

THAT in accordance with Section 10D it is considered that if the matter were discussed in an open Council Meeting, it would on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

Councillor Jamieson asked the Director Business and Corporate Services if any representations had been received from the public that the item should not be discussed in closed session.

The Director replied that no representations had been received to the item in closed session.

Councillor Jamieson asked if there were any members of the public gallery who would like to speak on the reasons Council proposes to consider the items in closed session.

Note: Councillor Ashvini Ambihaipahar joined the meeting gallery at 6.18pm.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Katris, Councillor Symington

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

CLOSED CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

FIN022-24 Property Matter - Proposed Reclassification and Sale of Part Moore Park, Beverley Park

(Report by Senior Property Officer)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Katris, Councillor Symington

That this report be deferred to the next Council meeting scheduled for 24 June 2024, as a separate report.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Katris, Councillor Symington

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

FIN021A-24 Property Matter - 6 Dora Street, Hurstville
(Report by Senior Property Officer)

RECOMMENDATION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Katris

That the General Manager be authorised to enter, negotiate and/or amend lease terms for the property at 6 Dora Street, Hurstville as detailed in this report.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Katris, Councillor Symington

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

PROCEDURAL MOTION**OPEN SESSION**

MOTION: Mayor, Councillor Elmir

That the meeting revert to Open Session, the time being 6.38pm.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Katris, Councillor Symington

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

OPEN SESSION**CONFIRMATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION**

MOTION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Katris

That the recommendations from the Closed Session be confirmed as recommendations of the Committee without any alteration or amendment thereto.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Elmir, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Ficarra, Councillor Katris, Councillor Symington

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 6.42pm.

Chairperson

